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'Bout the weather, friends;
Got to take whatever
The kind Creator sends.
What if clouds do gather,
And the cold winds blow?
Can't have fit fair weather
All the time, you know.
But there's one thing certain,
If your stomach's right,
You can make the darkest
Day seem nice 'n' bright.

Git up in the mornin',
Bustle 'round a bit;
Show 'em there's some ginger
In your system, yit.
Sing 'n' dance 'n' whistle.
Startle all creation—
Anything to git your
Blood in circulation—
Make somebody happy—
Lordy, that's the way
Any one can brighten
Up the darkest day!

—Cleveland Leader.

### WILD BILL'S ROSE.

The sun was settling in a sea of rainbow hues behind the tall, gray-peaked mountain tops, whose somber jaggedness, here and there, glinted brightly where the golden shafts of diaphanous sunbeam kissed them. The lurid glow of the light of the setting sun filled the atmosphere with a weird, fiery haze; the grayish yellow sand of the earth gleamed more golden, and the dark olive of the umbrageous trees whose of brighter green. A group of men are clustered loungingly about the door of Gruff Rock tavern.

"It ain't nuthin' to none of us," one of the miners is saying, "excepin' that what hurts Bill hurts us."

"If Master David means wrong by the girl," another says, and his face clinch incidentally.

"Hole on, Buck," some one interrupts him. "If in all the white-faced aristocracy there's one gen'leman, it's Master David!"

"Gosh! I wonder if Bill knows?"

"Shut up, comrades, here he is."

A form, uncommonly tall, stalwart as an oak, straight as a pine, advances toward the group. He strides to a vacant chair in silence. There's nothing preposessingly handsome about this gruff Westerner, excepting the gentleness that lurks about his mouth. Bill had perceived the seemingly amorial partiality of his little Rose and the pale-faced stranger. Yet, why had every one perceived it?

When young Lodling, a stalwart stripling, had come to Pawnee Bill to tell, in his honest faltering eloquence, the story of his love for little Rose, Bill shook the boy's hand with kind-heartedness.

"Lord," Bill said, "I love my little gal better nor anything else on earth, but you're worthy of her, lad. Go ask the chit, and my heart and godspeed go with you."

Lodling never broached the subject to Bill afterward, but his eyes lowered and his lips twitched painfully whenever the great blue eyes of Bill met him. Rose never mentioned Lodl's name now, while there was a time when she would run to Bill with a merry laugh to exhibit the rare mountain stone or brace of game that Lod had given her. That was before there had been a question of love, but now—well, now it was different.

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Among the miners all conversational desire seems to have fled, and each, engaged with his own thoughts, seems not to be conscious of the long silence. Some distance eastward, silhouetted against the transparent blue of the evening sky, two forms are visible, meandering slowly along the rocky boulders and low-lying cliffs. The figure of a girl, from the wide rim of whose hat floats a tangle of sunny curls. A smile lights the comeliness of her youthful countenance as she places one slender hand in that of her companion, who offers his assistance from where he stands on a jutting rock a little beneath her.

His lips part in a genial smile, as though he had said something amusing or pleasant, and the girl's smiling face breaks into ripples of laughing smiles. Pawnee Bill has turned, and gazes at the tableau in silence. He utters no word—rising silently, he moves slowly from the still companionship of his comrades. As he moves from his comrades, they look at him in silence. What harm could come to Pawnee Bill's Rose? What would that aristocrat be in Pawnee Bill's hands? A helpless atom, a reed—why nothing at all.

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"Do let us stop here. I'm tired, Master David."

"Rose, why do you persist in calling me 'Master David'? Do you not like 'David' just as well?"

"Yes, but—you see—everybody here calls you 'Master David,' and why should I be different from anybody else?"

"You cannot help being that Rose. At least, not to me. Now, to please me, let me hear you say 'David.'"

She looked at him, half timidly at first; then, fixing her glance firmly on his, she says, clearly and sweetly, "David."

"Bravely done! But I have not yet finished. Could you not say 'dear David'?"

The long lashes are lowered now, and her face is crimson dashed.

"Couldn't you, Rose?" he pleaded. She strives to meet his gaze as before, but her eyelids seem to droop impulsively, and her lips falter perceptibly as she says, "Dear David." She is too confused to notice that both her hands are held in his, and when she lifts her eyes he is gazing ardently into their blue depths.

"Rose, my little Rose," he whispers, "you do not know how much I love you."

"Oh, Master—I mean dear David—you must not love me!"

"And why not?"

"Well, you are different from me, you know—no are good, very good friends, but—but—that is all—it must be all."

"Well, we can still be dear friends, but I want you for my little wife besides."

"Your wife, David? In your home, among your friends, I would be—"

"You would be there or elsewhere what you are here—the one woman I love. If you would but marry me, Rose—"

"No, no, not that—David. What would I be in your [illegible] who knows nothing [illegible] learned? I would [illegible] wife. We have [illegible] how can you [illegible]

Rose darling! I [illegible] you [illegible] waking!"

"Taking to you? As if I would not gladly give my life to save you one moment's pain! Unkind to you, dear David! You do not know me. I—well, I can't help loving you, you know, but that is all I ask—let me love you with all my heart—let me watch your coming and going; let us be the dear, dear friends we have been—and when—you go away from here—why—why—you must go away some day, dear David."

She turns from him as she speaks, her little brown hands are pressed slightly to her heaving breast, her lips are blanched and set. She tries to conceal the tears that well into her eyes.

"Rose," he whispers gently. Still silence. He listens painfully to the stifled sobs that wring her bosom, and his heart aches, as with a wild cry of "David!" she falls sobbing upon the rocky ledge of the cliff. In a moment his arms are about her.

"Rose, dear Rose, have I pained you? Rose, dear, do you love me?"

"Yes."

"I shall ask your hand of Bill. If he gives you to me will you come? Come, I love you so, will you come?"

"Yes, David."

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On the hard earth plot before Pawnee Bill's cabin Bill and the lad Lodling are conversing in low whispers.

"You know Bill," Lodling is saying, "I never told you afore, but Rose says as how she don't love me, save as a friend—and, Bill, don't say nothin' to the little girl. She can't help it, you know, no more nor I can help lovin' her till I die. Then she's better nor me, anyway. Master David has made her take to book larnin', and I—I—"

Bill seizes one of the brown, hard hands of Lod in his, while with the other the lad brushes the tears from his eyes.

"There, they're coming down the way now, Bill, and I—I must be goin'. You won't say nothin' as how I was a fool and blubbered, will you, Bill, and you won't be cross at the little 'un, will you, Bill? Goodby!"

The eyes of love are keen, and as Pawnee Bill kisses his little Rose's upturned lips he perceives that the great blue eyes are humid with the remembrance of tears. "Have you come back, little 'un?" is all he says, and he leads the way into the little sitting room, which is Rose's especial charge.

"I say, Bill," David commences, "I've a great favor to ask of you!"

"Now, Master David; what can you be askin' of me? You have all you want and a little over, I'm thinkin'."

"Not quite all I want, Bill. There is something I have not which I want very badly, and it is that for which I've came to ask."

Rose's face is red with blushes, and a strange look is in her eyes. Bill looks kindly at David, but the gentle curves of his mouth have grown to austere lines.

"Well, Master David," he says.

"I want your little Rose for my wife, Bill."

Bill does not start. Rose scans his face eagerly.

"Rose," Bill said, tenderly, "come here, little 'un. Do you love Master David?"

"Yes." The monosyllable is half a sob.

"So do I, little 'un. If you was my own boy, I couldn't love for my near kin more nor I do. The love for my near kin couldn't be dearer. You see, Master David, my Rose is a wild prairie flower; she has nothin' but her love to give you. Tell me, is your great home out East, 'mong society and fin'ries, whar will my little Rose be? You see, I love you myself, lad, and I could not let you do this foolishness."

"But, Bill—"

"Let me talk some, Master David. I'd be the last one who'd mar my little girl's happiness, or yours, but this jewelled toy in a pocket next his heart, but after the last remnant of clothing, the last trinket and locket, last picture, ribbon and buckle of John Wilkes Booth's possessions was in cinders, Mr. Booth walked close up to the fire and threw the dagger into the core of it, then took an ax and split the trunk into kindling and burned every splinter of the chest in silence, in reverence, with the unconscious dramatic splendor of martyrdom.

#### Thirty Miles For An Acorn.

Down in Mexico there lives a woodpecker who stores his nuts and acorns in the hollow stalks of the yuccas and magueys. These hollow stalks are separated by joints into several cavities, and the sagacious bird has somehow found this out, and bores a hole at the upper end of each joint, and another at the lower, through which to extract the acorns when wanted. Then it fills up the stalks solidly and leaves its stores there until needed, safe from the depredations of any other thievish bird or four-footed animal.

The first place in which this curious habit was observed was on a hill in the midst of a desert. The hill was covered with yuccas and magueye, but the nearest oak trees were thirty miles away, and so, it was calculated, these industrious birds had to make a flight of sixty miles for each acorn stowed thus in the stalks!

An observer of birds remarks: "There are several strange features to be noticed in these facts; the provident instinct which prompts this bird to lay by stores of provisions for the winter, the great distances traversed to collect a kind of food so unusual for its race, and its seeking in a place so remote from its natural abode a storehouse so remarkable."

Can instinct alone teach, or have experience and reason taught these birds that, far better than the bark of trees or crevices in rocks, or any other hiding place are these hidden cavities they make for themselves with the hollow stems of distant plants?

This we cannot answer. But we do know that one of the most remarkable birds in our country is this California woodpecker, and that he is well entitled to his Mexican name of El Carpintero—the carpenter bird.

#### Roller Boats.

The curious spectacle of a marine craft propelled by enormous air-tight disc-shaped hollow wheels suggests a radical departure in the methods of boat-building. That the experiment was a failure, was the natural consequence of the principles on which the craft was constructed. All of the machinery and passenger accommodations rested upon a platform supported by these air-tight wheels arranged in rows on either side. The general effect was that of a huge wagon, the box of which rested on the water. One of the causes of the failure of this venture was that the wheels took up sufficient [illegible] to counteract this [illegible] power, but this addition [illegible] of the machinery and [illegible] successfully. A device [illegible] the water from the wheels was equally futile, and as it stands now the roller boat has scored a most brilliant failure.

### THE MAN WHO KNOWS IT ALL.

This world is full of misery
That ought not to exist,
Folks have no right to charge to Fate
The fuck that they have missed.
We take the wrong road to the goal,
And stumble, trip and fall,
When right next door, perhaps, there lives
The man who knows it all.

He's ready, too, to give advice,
If you are indigent,
He'll tell you what you ought to do,
And not charge you a cent.
The fault is yours if you go wrong,
And fail, and have to call
For help. You should have gone and asked
The man who knows it all.

O what a wretched, wretched place
This erring world would be
Without the constent help vouchsafed
By him and such as he!
So when you meet him anywhere,
Before him prostrate fall,
And worship, as you ought to do,
The man who knows it all.

### THE JUST AND UNJUST

"It falls on the just and the unjust," said Heath Kirkland, reflectively, cranking lazily forward to watch two handsome young women who stood in the doorway of a flower shop near by waiting for the coachman of a dark green coupe to force his restive horses to the half-submerged curbstone in its front.

"Mostly on the just," supplemented Westley Hartford, with conviction.

"Why so?" queried Kirkland, much engrossed in the rain-drenched and slushy sidewalk, the backing and maneuvering of the coupe, the coachman's irate handling of his reins, and the pretty boots and gracious outlines of the two dismayed votaries of fashion, who, handsomely gowned, laughing and uncertain, stood with daintily raised skirts, contemplating the muddy and woeful distance which separated them from their carriage.

Long, slanting sheets of driving rain obscured the January afternoon.

Fitful gusts of wind, blowing up persistently from the river, dashed a fine spray, mingled with mist and fog, inward through the open doorway.

Line after line of electric cars, crammed with moist passengers—whose dripping umbrellas acted injuriously on the tempers of their temporary neighbors—ran up and down, in and out, on the neutral ground of the broad thoroughfare in front, and a few belated pedestrians hurried along in mackintoshes and with bent heads, while, although still early, a long vista of electric lights began to glimmer on either side, in deference to the increasing and steadily gathering gloom of the cheerless and bleak afternoon.

"Because," explained Hartford, "the 'just' is a man of sensitive scruples. He selzeth not the passing opportunity of a fellow being's loss or failure by the hair of the head, with a view to add feathers to his own nest; and consequently, when the rain does fall he is mostly obliged to pursue his honest avocation—whatever that may be—on foot, in poverty, and with much discomfort to himself. Whereas the unjust, old man—oh! the unjust—is a devilish clever fellow.

"Entirely too clever to let so impertinent a thing as a moral scruple interfere to prevent his looking unrelentingly after his best interests, even if he treads on the toes of his neighbor and best friend in doing so, while compassing his ends."

Kirkland looked round and laughed amusedly; then resumed his engrossed occupation of peering intently through the plate glass of the club window at the picture before them. The view they had of pots of ferns, jars of cut roses and flowers, nasturtiums and pale lilies of the valley, orchids and flowering almonds, all moist and bright hued, in the flower shop, was excellent, because they were ensconced in cosy chairs in a deep bay window, which protruded slightly over the sidewalk.

Old Jacques Dubois, who had been under gardener at the Jardin des Plantes, had wisely chosen when he located next door to the club house where the discussion on rain was being held.

"My observation is that the American—whether just or not—is a sensible, clear-headed fellow, with a good eye to his own and other people's business, a sufficiency of scruples to make him an average decent citizen. What more do you want?"

"Oh, very little," said Hartford, placidly. "Only a dash of genuine, disinterested honesty and an interest in the welfare of his community of sufficient breadth to swallow up his own small individuality, leaving a margin of profit for future generations.

"I imagine," continued this idealist, "those were the sort of men who thought it worth their while to start that contentious revolution, that rumpus we had with old England a little over a century ago."

"Plenty of 'em left," declared Kirkland contentedly. "Lots of patriotism and public spirit in this country, old man, mixed up with your carping, discontented fellows. Guess we'll pull out all right in the long run, and hold our own with other races. This is a great country."

"So it is," assented Hartford. "Greatest in the world. More coal and iron, and ore, and forests, and rich lands, and opportunities, than you can find on the face of the globe. And a lot of political parties and corporations, and monopolies, and discontented miners and mill operatives around, too. Pity its inhabitants—"

"Oh, shut up. They are all right. Especially the feminine portion," declared Kirkland. "Now look at those two girls over yonder. You might search the world over and not find anything sweeter, or better, or more charming."

"That's true," assented Hartford, bending forward to get a still fuller view.

The storm of rain had increased, if that were possible, and the two inches of water running over the Schillinger "banquette" (a quaint localism) would have inevitably submerged the pretty patent leather footgear of the visitors to the flower stand and spoiled much silk and valenciennes before the haven of the green coupe could have been reached.

So "contra fortune, bon coeur," they clearly thought for they drew forward two chairs, and, settling themselves comfortably, unearthed a box of Huyler's, made a jest of the howling wind, the driving rain and the drifting winds from the river, as their animated chat and bright laughter clearly attested.

Completing his purchase, the coachman well buttoned up in his waterproof, sat resigned and motionless, and the street grew more and more deserted.

"Prettiest girls in town! That's Aurore Templeton over on the left. The one with gray eyes and dark hair; she's a queen! a perfect queen! and just as fine and good as she's handsome," declared Kirkland, enthusiastically.

"Who is the other?" queried Hartford, who, having been abroad of recent years, was not so conversant with the buds and blossoms of the brilliant social life of the old town.

"That's Sue Moreland, daughter of old Judge Moreland. Dances like a fairy. Pretty little thing, too. But she can't touch Miss Aurore."

"Where lives the man (if such a man there be)
In idle wilderness or desert drear,
To beauty's sacred power an enemy?"
quoted Hartford, cynically.

"Oh, it isn't only that she's so beautiful," corrected Kirkland. "But she has as much beauty of heart and character as of face; fine, true, strong appreciation, and a broadness of soul and a luminous charity.

"Why, man," continued Kirkland, enthusiastically, "she's perfect."

"Give me the fine, educated, polished society woman when you are looking for feminine perfection, every time.

"The girl who has been around, and seen the best and highest everywhere; who can say graceful and pretty things in two or three languages; whose mother is a stately colonial dame, and her forbears men who in their day and generation fought in the old wars of their country.

"Give me the girl descended from men who owned the land on which their sons were born generations back, men whose economic and social ethics, whose views and principles have come down to them and to her through an inherited culture and intellectuality, to reach the splendid humanitarianism of such wonderful examples as the De Witts, as Cavour and Lord Bacon, Churchill and Washington."

"That's the sort of woman Aurore Templeton is, old man, and don't you forget it!" lamely concluded Kirkland.

"Hello, Heath! seems you have a hobby," said Hartford, much amused, tilting his chair back, as he looked down the blurred vista of the street.

"Nothing of the kind," retorted Kirkland shortly. "I happen to know what every enlightened, sensible and observant man and woman knows, and that is, that good birth, breeding and esthetic culture broaden and improve both character and mind; and that fine old antecedents and tradition elevate.

"Of course, there are always exceptions to every rule. But particularly with women is that sort of influence most admirable. Not that I deny sturdy virtue and worth elsewhere," continued Hartford, discursively as the wind dashed the rain against the window-panes, then whistled off down the street, while the darkening night made the brilliantly lit shop where the two girls met against a background of flowers and foliage a luminous and a charmingly distinct picture. Unconsciously, they served to inspire Hartford's argumentative eloquence.

"The highest expression of feminine perfection in thought and character is to be found among the most delicately reared portion of humanity," he continued, while Kirkland lit a cigar and nodded assent. "All this absurd twaddle some people indulge in as to envy and meanness and jealously being more prevalent among society women than elsewhere is inane nonsense and shows a distinct lack of knowledge. There are evil deeds and backbiting the world over, but there is less of either among women of fine breeding and high position than in other circles—that every man knows who knows them. And there is more splendid devotion and, at a pinch, heroism among those women, too.

"Now, look at that clean-cut profile, the fine turn of that chin. You can see plainly, now she has thrown off her furs. Just notice the splendid poise of that head! I tell you what, man, Aurore Templeton, for all her luxurious society habits and dainty ways, could be just as grandly heroic as was recently, you remember, that splendid English woman, wife of the Colonel of the 18th Hussars, when they were assailed by the Chilganees and shut up and massacred in a tower in India."

"I'm not yet in love with Miss Aurore, but I grant all you say about her," said Kirkland laughingly. "What's that miserable beggar doing out in this storm?"

A tall, thin woman, leading a little mite of a baby girl by the hand, who turned a pitiful, tear-stained face toward them as she passed, went slowly by, her drenched and torn garments clinging to her thin form, while the wind tossed a stray lock of unkempt hair from beneath her hat.

The child appeared to be securely bundled up, but her big brown eyes looked frightened, and the electric lights revealed how tired she was.

"Why, that poor creature must be crazy to keep her child out such a night," said Hartford, searching for his pocketbook.

Kirkland touched an electric button, then started up with an exclamation.

Hartford looked up, then out through the window, then they both went rapidly through the hall, seizing their hats and their overcoats as they passed.

It was a sore sight.

The woman had slipped on the wet pavement just in front of Dubol's flower shop, striking her head on the sharp corner of the curbstone as she fell.

She lay prone and bleeding and apparently dead, while the child wailed with grief and terror.

Aurore Templeton, unheeding the driving storm, was bending over her, trying to staunch the blood as it trickled down her wan, unconscious face.

Saying tender words, she drew the terrified child toward her with a sweet, protecting grace, telling her that soon her mother would open her eyes and would get well again.

Aurore's handkerchief was too flimsy to be of much service, and her gown was soon drenched with the rain and other stains representing the waning life of a fellow creature.

"Take her away, May; in among the flowers," said Aurore, "and give her some sweets."

A crowd had gathered, in spite of the pelting storm.

Raising her gently, Kirkland and Hartford brought the emaciated form into Dubol's flower shop, laying her on chairs hastily brought in.

"She is dead," said a young medical student, who had come in the Charity Hospital ambulance, placing his hand over her heart. "The blow and the shocked combined killed her outright. Please send for the Coroner."

He went off hastily, for there was an accident at the foundry, and the ambulance had been rung up.

"Put her in the carriage, May, and wait for me. We will take her home. Wrap my furs around her, she is shivering. poor, motherless little mite!"

Turning, Aurore explained to Kirkland her earnest wish to have the unknown dead cared for, and not given a pauper's grave.

"Pardon me I will attend to the matter, Miss Aurore," said Hartford, reverently.

Softly and gently Aurore removed the old hat, smoothed and braided the long dark hair, adjusted the faded robe and folded the thin hands across her breast.

Taking a few white roses from among old Dubol's flowers, she placed them in the stiffening fingers.

Then, stopping, she whispered softly: "Never fear, poor soul; sleep your sleep undisturbed; your baby girl will be cared for."

Silently Kirkland and Hartford escorted her to the open door of her carriage.

"You are literally drenched."

"So it seems," she answered Hartford with a smile, half pathetic, half gay.

"I strongly advise you, young woman to take a cocktail when you get home, or something hot. Take it straight," said Hartford, as he stammered the door, after stooping over Aurore's ungloved hand. "I'll drop in to-night about 10 o'clock to see how your foundling is getting on, and if you have pneumonia."

"A fine exemplar of your theory. She is a lovely woman," commented Kirkland, as they turned back.

"She is simply perfect!" As perfect as the dawn of a glorious day," said Hartford.

### THE WOLVES JUST SMILED.

#### Old Seth Brown Had to Give Up the Chase on Snowshoes.

Sitting in Theda Wyman's store, at Sebec, Me., a little group of villagers talked of wolves, now seldom seen in Maine, but which half a century ago were much in evidence. William Lyford told

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Editor Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for representative in Congress in the [illegible] district, subject to the decision of the Republican party and to the decision of the Congressional conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.

Smethport, Pa., February 25, 1898.

THE Republicans will hold their State convention at Harrisburg Thursday, June 2.

JOSEPH ORLADY of Huntingdon Co. has announced himself as a candidate for United States Senator. Mr. Quay will discover that the present campaign is not a pathway of roses.

THE Republicans of Potter county held their primaries yesterday. The Quay and Wanamaker factions have had a red hot time during the campaign. The result of the primaries is not known at present.

THE youngster among patriots Uncle Sam is creating quite a stir—putting up a great fight away out on the western side of the Pacific and shaking all over the Atlantic Ocean trying to find the Spanish fleet.

T. F. RICHMOND is confident that there is a victory—a real Manila—in store for the Democrats of McKean county this fall.—Port Allegany Reporter. It may be that the versatile Democratic county chairman means the Spanish side of the Manila affair.

THE Republican papers in the county are silently tenative about their candidates for Assembly. They seem to have matured a plan in line with the old proverb: The least said the soonest mended.—Port Allegany Reporter. Wait until Aug. 9th and you may discover that there will be an end to this silence that seems so oppressive to you at present.

THE following cases from McKean county have been affirmed by the Supreme Court: Jessie O. Miller vs. City of Bradford; W. N. Y. & P. R. R. Co. vs. B. & P. R. R. Co.; Phoebe T. Hutchison vs. Chas. D. Seaman, et al.; First National Bank of Look Haven vs. Pyle, Potter county, judgment affirmed. The first two cases were tried by Judge A. G. Olmsted and the last two by Judge T. A. Morrison. These last two cases caused considerable discussion last fall during the campaign. They were tried the second time and the Supreme Court concluded to virtually reverse itself and sustain Judge Morrison. Anyone can draw their own inferences.

IF anything could inspire our brave soldier boys to greater deeds of valor and bravery it would be by making preparations for a national camp. The soldier of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, where some of the bravest deeds that transpired during the late war were performed, would exhibit our gallant soldiers of the present exhibited by our heroes do [illegible] years ago. And when they think of General Hooker and his boys in blue fighting above the clouds, and they remember the charge of the army of the Stars and Stripes of Missionary Ridge without a commanding officer in charge, it will create a desire in their hearts to emulate these brave men and endeavor to the extent that they are capable of performing greater deeds than a foreign foe (if such were possible) than did the brave boys of '61 in the family circle at home.

ADMIRAL HOBSON, WM. E. GLADSTONE, the grand old man of England, and Admiral Dewey at Manila, yesterday at 8 a. m., in the city of his life. Entering into a career at the age of 23 years, he has been in active service for about [illegible] years, having retired in 1894. He [illegible] admitted to public office when Queen Victoria was but 13 years old, and [illegible] Disraeli was the ascendant star in the firmament of Great Britain. While the latter has ruled 61 years the deceased has held office 49 years. As a small [illegible] saw Napoleon in the height of his glory and saw his star set on the lonely Isle of St. Helena in 1821, when the Queen of England was but 2 years of age. He has witnessed the map of Europe change in various ways. He has witnessed its surface covered with iron bands that will transfer a man from one end of Europe to the other in the short space of 24 hours, when formerly it required weeks. He has witnessed the globe encircled by lightning and move flashed as rapid as thought can travel. He has seen some of the marvels of electricity enabling people to converse with one another hundreds of miles apart and enable to recognize the voice of friends. It is doubtful if there is a man to-day who has witnessed as many marvelous changes in life as Mr. Gladstone, and [illegible] instrumental in advancing the welfare of them. He has [illegible] work and while would [illegible] and [illegible] ...

## NO EUROPEAN INTERVENTION.

Many of the daily newspapers are seriously discussing the question of European interference in our trouble with Spain. If any other European nation should join Spain and send a combined army and land it on our shores, what would be the consequence? While we do not wish to question the allegiance of any soldier of any foreign country to their government, their landing upon the soil known as the land of the free would very naturally alter matters as far as these invaders were concerned.

The soldiers of any European nation would find many of their own nationality living under the flag of freedom, enjoying all the comforts of life, such comforts as no poor man in Europe can enjoy or would be allowed to enjoy. When all this was spread before their eyes they would quickly discover the Egyptian darkness that they have been groping in for ages, and the tendency would be to cause the greater portion of them to desert from oppression and tyranny which has them for ages in bondage.

This country is far different from what it was in 1776 when the infant colonies were struggling for liberty, or even what it was in 1812 when England, in vain, strove to subdue the young nation that had but just begun to feel the first pulsation of a nation free from tyrant hands. These are the only two occasions when our fair land has known the tread of foreign minions and, of course, the situation was not very inviting to the invaders.

But let a foreign army land upon our shores at the present day and they would be virtually paralyzed by the grandeur spread before them, and the vision of 70,000,000 of freedom loving people ready to sacrifice all on the altar liberty. Would it not cause anyone with an ounce of brains to hesitate before assisting in the destruction of so fair a country dedicated to the freedom of the whole human family.

Such an attempt by any European power would be simply inviting self-destruction. These armies are principally composed of young men with no ties to bind them to their former thralldom. Here they would be free to enjoy all the fruits of their labor, with liberty of thought and action. What is more natural than for them to say, "We will not be instrumental in assisting to deprive any people of their dearly bought liberty." Of this fact many of the European nations are aware and they will not hastily risk the loss of an army by invading the land of the free.

LAST Friday our town was invaded by an organized host so thoroughly prepared for effective campaigning that they succeeded in capturing our beautiful Burgh without an effort. The worst part of the whole proceeding was that so many of those whom we had heretofore considered worthy citizens joined with the invaders and discretion became the better part of valor and the only thing to do was to gracefully surrender, which was accordingly done. But these visitors proved most gracious captors, securing to hold their captives with silken threads that were most heartily enjoyed and the only regret heard on any hand was when a settlement was effected and they departed for their own country. The most regret heard at the departure was uttered by our captive citizens. They had so thoroughly enjoyed their three days' bondage that freedom had evidently become irksome to them, and they are hardly to be blamed for it, either, when it is taken into consideration that these Leaguers proved most hearty entertainers as far as intellectual feasts were concerned. All the day long it was a feast to the soul and a striving to uphold the Christian character of their captives. And with the setting of the sun they did not cease their labors, but continued far into the night and like the wine at the wedding in Cana they kept the best for the end of each day. Thus for three days were our citizens held in happy thralldom by the energetic invaders composed of the members of the Epworth League of the Olean District. And on Monday we all regretted to see them depart and even the heavens were constrained to sympathize with us and shed copious showers of rain.

BY all means let us retain the Philippine Islands. It would make such an excellent place for dismantled politicians to emigrate to, such as W. L. Wilson, D. B. Hill, A. P. Gorman and several others of the same sort. They have outgrown their usefulness. Even among their own party they have been turned down, as neither faction seems desirous of associating with them. But in the Philippines they would find a new field for development in politics that would give them a fresh impetus on the road to fame and preferment, and away in the future they might be viewed as sailing across the placid waters of the Pacific clothed in their Senatorial toga as representatives of a new state.

THE prohibitory law in Potter county causes strange bed fellows. Men, who for years have been advocating its repeal, are now earnestly working to have it retained, while others, who sturdily stood up for the prohibitory law, are now advocating the election of men pledged, if elected, to do all in their power to have the measure repealed.

THE yellow journals are having a serious time of it since the government shut down on the war news. Many of them have dropped their immense head lines and present a respectable appearance again.

THE St. Louis Globe Democrat says, "Four Mexican silver dollars will still buy a bushel of wheat." Where is Sam Hill is W. J. Bryan that he don't stop this separation of his arguments of 1896.

IF the Latin nations of Europe stick their noses into our little trouble with Spain Uncle Sam and Johnny Bull will take a contract to furnish them a quantity of submarine beats.

WE are inclined to believe that President McKinley would punish ex-President Cleveland to go duck shooting on the Dolphin as he used to in former days.

ADMIRAL CERVERA has evidently been reading "Ships that Pass in the Night" by his ability to dodge our [illegible]

## Home Matters.

Hostilities have lasted long enough to kill many combatants, if but few Americans. The European notion that the United States would begin by having a bad half hour, the theorist's notion that "everybody knows that a great panic must follow the outbreak of war," the commercial buyer's notion that everybody would be ready to sell everything cheap if war came, the notion that it would pay to hoard money until the emergency had passed have all been made laughable already. The only panic was when money lenders were wondering what deadly impossibilities the unknown might have in store for them. The only hindrance of industry has been due to waiting of buyers who looked for lower prices. American fleets are complaining only because the Spanish Armada has been more invisible than invincible. Actual business through clearing houses has been 9.8 per cent. larger than in 1892 outside New York, and 12.3 per cent. larger here, and at all points for the month 26.3 per cent. larger than last year.

Railroad earnings for April have been 15.9 per cent. larger than last year, and 9.8 per cent. larger than in 1893. Eastbound tonnage from Chicago has been 21,075 tons, or 56 per cent. larger than in 1892. Speculators who calculated on a bad half hour for Americans paid on Wednesday an average of $1.31 per share more for railroad stocks than a week ago, and $2.05 for trusts, and since their dismal predictions the day war was declared, the average advance in railroad stocks was $5.51 per share, though closing 22 cts. lower. The foreign speculators who sold 100,000 shares early in the week, and bought 40,000 later, had a bad half hour themselves.

In harbor form the same experience has come to unbelievers in American prosperity who said what they did not own. Years of experience had made them believe that $1.20 was a price for wheat which could not be held at New York, and foreign and other sales above that point were large. But the highest regular quotation for twenty-five years was reached at $1.91 this week, though for No. 2 Milwaukee $2 was paid in 1877. The reaction to $1.50 1-2 was not surprising in view of western receipts which were 3,936,767 bushels during the week, against 2,-163,622 a year ago. But Atlantic exports of 3,050,442 bushels, against 1,-606,742 last year, flour included, and Pacific exports of 376,249 against 300,-147, making in two weeks 3,901,200 bushels against 3,506,584 last year, show a foreign demand greater than had been expected. French duties were suspended and Russian exports nominally though not yet actually stopped, but more convincing than either as to foreign necessities were the exports of 5,141,397 bushels corn during the week and 10,687,146 in two weeks against 3,586,855 last year.

### THE TWO ACTS GO TOGETHER.

A Southern State Wednesday gave the first victim of the war under the flag of a reunited country—Ensign Bagley of North Carolina.

The Senate Thursday, without debate and without dissent, passed the measure repealing all disabilities of every order under the Fourteenth Amendment. Let the House, with equal speed and in the same spirit, pass the same measure.

The two acts go together. On the bier of the young Southern hero, who died on the deck of the Winslow, bearing the name of a Northern commander, there will be laid by the nation the united pine and palmetto. To-day and henceforth they stand for the same country; they represent the same patriotism, they support the same flag and they stand rooted in the soil of the same motherland. Let no line on the statute book remain to disable or prevent any man from serving the country he loves, and for whom a Southern State, a Southern home and a Southern mother gives the precious tribute of this young life, cut off untimely, save that no man dies too soon who dies where duty calls and where his country commands.—Philadelphia Press, May 14.

THE Spanish Cape Verde fleet is evidently in search of more submarine vessels. If Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley can get near enough they will assist the Spaniards to discover some more of those peculiarly constructed boats.

### The Barrel Question.

SMETHPORT, PA., May 16, 1898.

Editor Miner:

I, together with many other citizens was surprised at the tone of a local that appeared in your issue of the 6th inst., relative to the placing of the garbage barrels along Main street. It was couched in terms of criticism. It was flippant, derisive and unappreciative, and as one of the members of the Improvement Society, I take great exceptions to it.

For years the streets of this borough have been a receptacle for garbage and refuse of all kinds and in all stages of decomposition. It has been the custom around many of our business places and private residences to throw into the street any and all accumulation of waste paper, twine, banana stumps and skins, sticks and pieces of dry goods boxes, parings from fruit and vegetables, old cloth, old brooms, old shoes, in short, anything that was not required within. This state of affairs has long marred the beauty of our otherwise beautiful town and offended the eye of the passer-by.

Early in the year the ladies of Smethport organized an Improvement Society, whose objects are the "Improvement and ornamentation of the streets, grounds and public square of the borough of Smethport." Pursuant to this they petitioned the borough council to place along the streets at convenient intervals, cans or barrels for the reception of garbage. The council believing that our petition was reasonable, that it was in the interest of the health and well-being of our citizens, as well as for the beauty of our mountain town, at once proceeded to act upon our suggestions, as a result of which the neatly painted garbage barrels were placed upon our streets corners. Their advent caused the editor of the Miner to suggest the advisability of fastening them to a post with chain and padlock. He claims that the "boys" of Smethport will commit great depredations upon these garbage barrels if they are not securely attached to terra firma.

Now, I wish to enter a protest right here in favor of the boys. We believe that some lawlessness and indiscretion is committed in this borough that is not traceable to the boys.

"Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy, with cheek of tan!
With thy turned up pantaloons
And thy merry whistled tunes;
With thy red lips, redder still
Kissed by strawberries on the hill,
With the sunshine in thy face
Through thy torn brim's jaunty grace,
From my heart, I give thee joy."

If there is a boy, which we do not believe, or loafer in Smethport who has a desire to do something mean, something to frustrate the good intentions of the borough council they only have to read the MINER of last week to know how to accomplish it.

Very many of the boys in the public school have pledged themselves to assist the Improvement Society in their work that has been but just begun, and many more are signifying their intention of doing so. The Improvement Society are willing to place themselves in the hands of the boys and girls of Smethport, and we are firm in the assertion that they can be relied upon.

The boys and girls of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow. The Improvement Society has asked and urged the co-operation of the local press in their work, appreciating full well that the press wields a mighty power and influence that can be scarcely over-estimated. We hope that the item alluded to was written thoughtlessly and without sufficient consideration, but we cannot let it pass without calling attention to it.

A MEMBER.


### A Good Remedy

often saves misery and also good health. If you are troubled with constipation, indigestion or any form of stomach trouble we advise to take home a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and health will be restored to you. Trial size 10c, large size 50c and $1.00 at A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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## W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

MINISTER OR SALOONKEEPER—WHICH?

Although a preacher has a portion of a large parish I am thinking of giving up my parish and going into the saloon business, and the following are my reasons in favor of the change would [illegible] as far as that world goes, and make the better state of affairs there [illegible] church in general.

[illegible] than [illegible] keeper can give and even [illegible] twenty regular customers.

It takes about two hundred church members in some places to afford a preacher a living, and not a very good living at that, and very few preachers were ever known to get rich by preaching the gospel. It is usually nothing but a bare living, with the prospect of absolute poverty after the "flesh pots" in ministerial work is reached. Considering this matter, then, from this low point of material gain, we say the saloon business pays better.

It is a much easier way of making a living than serving a large parish in which many are so hard to please. Ministers have hard work and usually very small pay; they are subjected to many annoyances and are frequently criticised by their own parishioners, though serving them to the best of their ability. Saloonkeepers, on the other hand, have an easy way of making a living and are generally treated with much deference by their customers and and are not criticised as preachers are and get their pay right along—doing a cash business. A third reason—this: I want to have more influence in politics than I have while serving a church. As soon as a preacher goes a little into politics he is reminded by the influential Christians in his parish that he has no business "meddling with politics." And if he preaches on politics, no matter how, he is soon asked to resign and so he resigns or lets politics severely alone. The preacher of to-day has little or no influence in politics, but the saloonkeeper is all-powerful. One saloon-keeper has more influence in politics than one hundred preachers, who often keep silent lest they give offense. Church members say they please, calling nothing for the opinions of their pastors. So, then, if I wish to be somebody in politics, I must quit preaching and go into the business of retailing liquors. It's a little humiliating, though, to think of it.

I am influenced in this way of thinking for another reason: I desire a political office and I find that the quickest way of political preferment is by way of the saloon. I want a high office—would not object to the Presidency—and, of course, cannot expect to succeed while engaged in the lowly work of preaching the gospel. Even church members refuse to vote for preachers when nominated for office and if he accepts a nomination, especially if he be a Prohibitionist, his church or his bishop asks him to resign. The saloonkeeper has no such troubles and church members, instead of opposing him, vote for him and he goes rejoicing into office. It is really wonderful how easy it is nowadays to get a good, fat office if a man is not a preacher, but the keeper of a high license saloon.

I infer, also, that the saloon business is a very respectable business, because the majority of Christians always vote to license the saloons. I have been a Prohibition "crank" as well as a preacher, but when I consider that the great mass of Christians in these latter days are voting with the old license party I begin to waver a little and perhaps I am wrong and these license-voting Christians are right; and if they are right the saloon business must be right and worthy of Christian support, and, since there is so much money in it, and since it is kept alive by the votes of Christians and is such an easy way of getting a living and getting rich, and sure way to political preferment, and since I can't be both a preacher and a saloonkeeper, don't you think that I had better quit the former and choose the latter? How does it strike you? I am open to conviction.—Rev. J. F. D. in the Voice.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Gorton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1898.


## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There was a young maid of Manilla
Who killed for a glass of vanilla,
But the clerk in the store
Was so rattled by war
That he gave her a muff of chinchilla.
—Harper's Bazar.

—Sheriff's sales this week.

—One inch of rainfall yesterday.

—Prepare for the Memorial Day services.

—Let everyone assist in boosting our town.

—Guy McCoy as a sign painter is an artist, indeed.

—Read the new advertisement of H. C. Wells in another column.

—Hear the Mendelssohn Trio at Kittredge opera house May 26.

—Come to Smethport on Memorial Day and hear Dr. Walker's address.

—License court has been adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 a. m.

—Bargains in croquet sets at McCoy's Drug Store. See advertisement.

—Don't fail to see Labadie in "Faust" at the opera house to-morrow night.

—We have the gas and all natural advantages for manufacturing purposes.

—The MINER is under obligation to Miss Mattie Brennan for favors rendered.

—Rev. Dr. I. T. Walker now spends his leisure moments riding down hill on a bike.

—Walter Goodwin, the wife murderer, has been respited by the Governor until June 8th.

—Young's Novelty Co., advertised last week for May 23 and 24, has canceled its date here.

—Miss Katherine Huntington and Mr. Dan Beddoe at Kittredge opera house May 26, 1898.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending May 14, 1898: Mrs. Start Karr, Mrs. Bessie Utt. Persons calling for these letters please say "Advertised."

—While playing with an axe last Wednesday little John Walker of East Smethport cut one of his toes, nearly severing the same from the foot. He is getting along nicely now.

—Last Tuesday night Horace Redfield had ten of the boys upon the school house lawn putting them through a course of sprouts in marching. For beginners they did remarkably well.

—The fire insurance adjusters met this week and adjusted the loss of E. P. Whaley on his mill, burned at McKean's Switch a week ago last Sunday morning. The full amount of $3,000 was allowed.

—W. F. Andrews, formerly of Gardeau, has been appointed postmaster at the new postoffice which will be known as Grunery. It is located near Mr. Jewett, where the Rich Lumber Co. has established a new plant.

—B. F. Cory of Coryville informed the MINER man yesterday that he had decided not to build the railroad up Moody Hollow that was projected a couple of weeks ago. The timber will be hauled to Potato creek by teams.

—McKean Bros. sold all of their land, timber and logs near Ormsby, about 380 acres of land, 2,000,000 feet of standing timber and 3,000 000 feet of logs, to E. K. Kane. The timber will be moved to Mr. Kane's mill at Kushequa.

—Last Sunday a little girl stranger (who had presumably wandered into town with the Epworth Leaguers) sought admission at the home of Herman Sasse. Mr. Sasse and his good wife admitted the little stranger and everybody is happy.

—The following divorces were granted last Saturday: Isabel Raymond vs. Chas. Raymond; Frances Mae DeGoller vs. Miles A. DeGoller; Nellie Pettit vs. George Ott Pettit. The libel in divorce of Eliza M. Slater vs. Willard Slater was dismissed.

—The Smethport Gas company's well at the head of Irish hollow was shot last Tuesday afternoon with a 150 quart charge which increased the production from 200,000 to 500,000 feet per day. The company will drill another well to that vicinity soon.

—Mr. Wiggins was so worked up over the news from Manila last week that he spent four hours trying to locate the Philippine Islands on his wife's Bazar pattern, under the impression that he had a map of the Pacific Ocean before him.—Harper's Bazar.

—Gas, timber, fine rock for the manufacture of glass, brick material and everything needed to make a lively town is to be found in close proximity to Smethport. Let us put our wits together and inform the manufacturing world what advantages we have to offer.

—At St. Luke's church May 22, Sunday after the Ascension, the choir will sing at the evening service Barnby's grand anthem "Rise all Glorious," containing soli for tenor and bass and chorus with six parts. The festival music for Ascension Day will be sung at the services on Sunday.

—Thieves broke into Herman Boser's barn Thursday night and stole his horse and buggy. While driving away they met Mr. Boser's two sons who recognized the horse and called a halt. The thieves escaped under cover of a shower of stones but the stolen property was captured and returned to the barn.—Eldred Eagle.

—Two law students were given the preliminary examinations last week and both passed very creditably. One was Robert, son of our honored President Judge, A. G. Olmsted; the other, Frank A. Lent of Ulysses, has been teaching in Emporium for the past two years. Both young men start in well equipped for the study of law.—Potter Journal.

—Pitcher Tull, who has been signed by Olean, would have strengthened Bradford materially. Stuart made overtures to Tull, but the pitcher's terms were entirely out of reach; and there were other reasons why a contract could not be made.—Bradford Record. Olean signed pitcher Fuller, but we were not aware that they had also secured Tull.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following subjects next Sunday: In the morning, 10:30, "The Ascension of our Blessed Lord, Its History and Fruits"; in the evening, "Conscience as a Regulative Faculty, An Appeal to Youth." This is the third in the course of sermons to young people. A most cordial invitation is extended to all the young people to hear these special sermons.

—Rev. A. W. Hayes of Rochester was here during the Epworth League convention and delivered an eloquent sermon Sunday morning at the M. E. church, taking for his text "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." His sermon abounded with good, everyday common sense, while it was freighted with the best of matter that assists in the upbuilding of a Christian character.

—At the editor of the Little Valley Spy is evidently a genuine agriculturist, judging from the following advice: "As garden making is at hand a few hints may not be out of place. Don't plant your onions in the dark of the moon, for they will all go to root; don't plant them in the light of the moon for they will all go to tops. Potatoes should be planted with their eyes up, so they can see to get out of the ground."

—Rev. Dr. Crawford of Allegheny College, Meadville, addressed the Epworth League convention at the opera house last Friday night in a manner that called forth loud plaudits from a crowded house. Mr. Crawford is one of the most forcible speakers of the day and when engaged in the task instructing the young he is right in his element. It was with regret that the audience heard him close, they were anxious for more.

—The famous Mendelssohn Trio, assisted by Miss Katherine Huntington, mezzo soprano, and Mr. Dan Beddoe, tenor, at Kittredge opera house May 26. This company has been secured after much effort and comes highly recommended to the Association and we trust all will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear them. This concert completes the course of the Entertainment Association for this year.

—Thomas H. Ray, a veteran of the late war, died at his home at Colegrove on Thursday of last week of paralysis, aged 59 years. The last time the deceased was able to be out was at the funeral of Dr. Freeman, which occurred August 13, 1896. He attempted to march with the comrades to the cemetery, but was compelled to fall out of the ranks. He was taken home and had been confined to the house ever since. He was a member of Co. G, 134th Pa. Vol. The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon. Fifteen members of McKean Post, No. 347, G. A. R., were present at the obsequies. The remains were placed in the Norwich cemetery. He leaves to mourn his demise a wife and [illegible]

## Epworth League Convention.

Friday morning, May [illegible] dawned bright and beautiful on the town of Smethport, and with the [illegible] which came a large [illegible] delegates [illegible] several towns. [illegible]

[illegible] Buffalo [illegible] to the 6 o'clock train [illegible]

[illegible] Baldwinsville, [illegible]

A. G. Phillips of Colegrove was in town a short time last Friday.

Messrs. H. H. Harris and D. M. Brainard visited Olean Tuesday.

Allen Bills of Coryville was an agreeable caller at this office Monday.

Dennis Kendrick returned from Tioga county the first of the week.

Gilbert Amsler and wife of Hazelhurst were in town Saturday night.

Mrs. J. D. Kelley and Mrs. O. L. Bard of Newell were in town Monday.

F. D. Darden and C. C. Moses of Eldred had business in town Monday.

Mrs. L. C. Horton of Eldred was a guest at the Second Central Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke and Miss Dewey Davis visited Bradford Monday.

J. L. Ward was called to Delaware county, N. Y., Wednesday by the death of his grandfather.

Miss Edna Keenan came over from Bradford last week and spent several days with her parents.

T. F. Richmond started for Pittsburg Saturday. He had a case in the Superior Court in session there.

Ex-Senator A. S. Benson of Bradford was a very pleasant caller at this office while in town Monday.

C. A. Johnson, the prominent merchant of Coryville, was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday.

R. D. Colegrove, one of the solid farmers of Colegrove was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday.

Mrs. S. D. Weaver departed last Monday night for an extended visit with her sister at Chamberlayne, Pa.

Miss Rose Sabine, who has been visiting in town, left for her home in Eldred Tuesday for a few days stay.

J. H. Stull, the prominent merchant of Farmers Valley was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday.

Orla J. Hamlin returned from Pittsburg Monday evening, where he had been attending Diocesan convention.

J. H. Tate of Clermont attended the annual meeting of the I. O. O. F. Encampment at Wilkesbarre this week.

Commissioners Young and Hungerville took David Ell Slater of Knapps Creek to the Warren asylum yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stone of Bradford were in town last Saturday. They enjoyed the drive over the hill immensely.

Mrs. E. H. Southwick and daughter, Miss Jessie, of Bradford have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell for several days.

Mrs. Leon Larrabee of Coudersport was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hegarth during the Epworth League convention.

H. W. Rubin went to Wilkesbarre Monday as a delegate to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. State convention.

Rev. R. H. Crocker and wife of Ellicottville, N. Y., formerly of Mt. Alton, attended the Epworth League convention last week.

Mrs. G. H. Moore accompanied her daughter-in law, Mrs. C. H. Moore, to Salamanca, N. Y., where she will visit for some time.

W. N. Resswick of Cuba, N. Y., a half-brother of District Attorney Gorton, was in attendance at the Epworth League convention last week.

F. D. Gallup returned from Straight creek last Tuesday where he had been fishing Saturday and Monday and attending divine worship on Sunday.

C. P. Bates of Bradford was in town Tuesday night looking the political field over with a view of trying his hand with J. W. Campbell for the treasurership.

Foster Stockholm arrived home from Cuba last week. Foster will not remain here as long as expected, but will be employed either at Austin or Olean by the Potter Drug Company.

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## Personal Mention.

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## Correspondence.

The correspondence previous to the opera season last Thursday night, mention of which was made in last week's issue, was of such an interesting nature that we would be glad to present the same in detail, but as the [illegible] prospects (to [illegible] of her [illegible] who read our columns, we refrain from doing so.

Preliminary to Miss Campbell's essay on "Class History and Prophecy," Mr. Hollenbeck in a few well chosen words presented the class with a handsome class pin. Following is Miss Campbell's paper on "Class History and Prophecy":

To me has fallen the pleasant task of writing the class history and prophecy. Our earliest recollections take us back over a period of ten years when for the first time we began to explore the interior mysteries of the Smethport school building.

Among the first things we discovered was the art of whispering, which art previous to this time had been classed among the lost. All the usual events of school life bordering on tragedy were ours. While no record of actual war mars our history, there were, at times rumors of war hostile which the present Spanish-American trouble is but a mere trifle. In those dark days the board of arbitration was the board of education. Often they sat in solemn conclave to review the facts of the case, while we sat in the school room and viewed the vacant seat of the culprit, and wondered if the sentence would be banishment for life or the whipping post. We passed unscathed through many trials and tribulations, chief among which was the fire of '93, when the school building was destroyed, and we were compelled to take refuge in the town house and various lodge rooms that offered their friendly shelter.

When we gathered again in the new building, the dignity of being in Senior grade, we realized the larger duties that devolved upon us. But we wrestled with them and our various tasks manfully and devoted our spare time to the pursuit of knowledge.

From time to time we mourned the absence of those who had dropped from our ranks, and we gladly welcomed the new students who came to join us. It is needless to speak further of the past which has gone forever from our keeping. To-night marks the closing event in the history of the class of '98.

I was sitting along one evening thinking over the events of the past and wondering what the future might hold for us. I must have fallen asleep. Presently I saw before me the form of a woman. The features were hidden by a thick veil, but on the head was a crown on which was written the word "Destiny." The hands of this creature presented a strange contrast. The right was fair and white, and covered with jewels, while the left was ill-formed, shrunken and yellow.

In either hand was a wand; upon the one carried in the right hand was written the word "Good"; on that in the left "Evil." "Ah!" I thought, "there is an answer to my very thoughts. I can now ascertain what part each of us shall play in the great drama of life." Eagerly I asked her to reveal to me the future. Slowly and silently she raised the left hand bearing the wand of Evil. "No, no," I cried, "not that, the good—show me the good." The hand dropped powerless to her side. Evil is ever powerless unless we cherish and sanction it. The fair white hand bearing its wand of Good was uplifted, and pointed toward the West. The scene was one of peace and beauty, situated in a wide valley in what had become the wealthy and populous State of Idaho. The sun shone brightly; there were green fields dotted with lovely flowers. Tall trees formed an arch over a road leading to a magnificent structure which from its dormitories and auxiliary buildings I knew to be a college. I could not resist the temptation to visit it. I found it filled with sweet, intelligent, athletic, 20th century girls—not a new woman among them. They thronged around me telling me of their work, and plans for the time when they shall have finished their college course. I was especially interested to hear that they intended to establish a college settlement. I inquired who was president of the institution and to my surprise and delight found it to be my old friend and classmate, Ella Young. She told me that her most able and earnest co-worker was Jennie Bicker, and that she had secured recent graduates as instructor in languages. Indeed the work of the college could not be carried on without her. "Surely," I said, "your lines have been cast in pleasant places, but the others, can you tell me of them?"

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## BRADFORD.

The three last days of last week were almost entirely to base ball. Few people thought or talked of much else and the three games that the Bradford club played with the Olean team were well attended. The first game on last Thursday afternoon was won by the home team by a score of 5 to 3 and great was the rejoicing thereat. The next day, Friday, was an ideal day for base ball and an immense crowd turned out. In the game come off the two teams paraded in open double carriages headed by the Seventh Regiment band. Arriving at the Washington street grounds they were addressed by Mayor George C. Vaughn, who then threw the ball over the plate and the game began. Good ball was played by both until the beginning of the fourth inning when an error by Stuart turned the tide the wrong way. At the close of the game the score stood 4 to 3 in favor of the Olean-ites. Saturday's game was rendered most exciting by the alleged bad decisions of the umpire, Patton, who, by the way, had given general satisfaction in the two preceding games. He put shortstop Kuhn out on third and this coupled with several other seemingly unfair decisions, threw the players and the crowd into a ferment. Manager Rinert and Kuhn were fined five dollars each for "beating" the umpire and the game ended in a 6 to 2 win for Olean team ahead. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week Stuart's Blanches play at Olean and expect to wipe out the above marks.

In spite of the fact that everybody is crying hard times and deploring the business stagnation that seems to exist, a great deal of building is going on in Bradford and several splendid mansions are in the course of construction, or about to be begun. Contractor William Hanley has torn down his wooden house on Jackson avenue and will erect in its place a fine brick residence. C. P. Collins, the oil prince, is to begin soon the building of a grand home that will, it is said, cost $80,000 when completed and will be about the finest dwelling house in the city. Frank Hamilton's brick and stone mansion on Jackson avenue is nearing completion and when done will be a beautiful and stately home. Many more pretty houses are being built and others improved to such an extent as to make them much handsomer and more salable. New streets are being laid out in the south and east portions of the city and to judge by appearances we are having an era of prosperity rather than one of depression.

Our boys who are gone to the war are in no danger of being forgotten. When Major James Johnston was here on a short leave last week he stated that the boys were heartily sick of army rations and it was suggested that the good women of the city make an effort to send them something more palatable than hardtack and beans. The armory was thrown open as a receiving station and when the major left here to join the regiment he had in his care several large boxes filled with all kinds of good things to eat. The edibles were most gratefully received by the funnery soldiers, who devoured the more perishable portions before leaving camp at Mt. Gretna, and packed the canned stuff for consumption at Chickamauga. The sixteenth Regiment, to which our own Company C lends such interest, left Mt. Gretna for Chickamauga Sunday afternoon. It will probably be but a short time until they will be ordered to Cuba and news of any kind concerning the regiment is eagerly read.

Mr. F. A. Moore a pioneer settler of this valley, and one of the best known of Bradford's citizens, died last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Moore had been sick since the Tuesday before with apoplectic convulsions. Mr. Moore came to McKean county in 1859 and engaged in farming. The discovery of oil made him a rich man and he has ever since been a prominent figure in business. He was at the time of his death the owner of much valuable property consisting of business blocks, houses, oil property and farming land. Deceased was aged 77 years and is survived by one son, A. F. Moore, and a daughter, Mrs. James Leasure. Funeral services were held at the family residence, No. 66 Boylston street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. O. B. Gage, pastor of the United Brethren church officiating. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

S. G. Coffin and Thomas Wilson were arrested last week charged with receiving stolen goods. It was alleged that a horse had been stolen by a man named Charles LaFoutse and taken to Coffin's stable. A constable went after the animal and the men refused to give it up. The minion of the law was compelled to break open a box stall and take possession of the equine by force. The case was interesting on account of the prominence of the men arrested, but the developments looked for were not forthcoming as the men were discharged at the hearing held last Saturday.

Mr. B. F. Hazelton died at the residence of his son, Frank, on Mechanic street, Tuesday at 11:10 a. m. after an illness of more than 15 weeks. Mr. Hazelton was one of the most prominent business men in this section of the country and his loss is felt by all. He was aged 52 years and leaves besides a sorrowing wife, five children, Frank P., Courtney E., Bessie, Benjamin and Charissa. Funeral services were held at the residence and at the Methodist Episcopal church yesterday afternoon and the remains were laid to Oak Hill cemetery.

Nothing has as yet been learned as to the whereabouts of Major Goodrich, the smooth young man who forged and passed a number of checks recently. Goodrich was a married man and his wife, who is a most estimable young woman, has been obliged to place her two little children in a charitable home and will work for her living hereafter.

Miss Marie Dikeman and Mr. William Hopley, two popular young people of this city, were married on Thursday of last week by Rev. A. R. Kieffer, rector of the Church of the Ascension.

## LARRABEE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lynahan of Corning have been guests of Mrs. R. Baker. Mr. Lynahan, who has long occupied an enviable position in the business world, is a son of the eminent scholar, Wm. F. Lynahan, who for some years in the fifties, was a noted educator of this county. Mrs Lynahan, nee Margaret Mullany, recently of Boston, has by right of her brilliant accomplishments and high literary attainments been regarded as a particularly bright star in that city's most exclusive cultured circles. Mrs. Baker expresses regret that the brevity of her illustrious visitors' stay did not permit the execution of the desire that many of her friends of this region might meet them, but has reasons to hope they may come to remain longer, as also, do all those who had the pleasure of meeting them.

As the secret is out we do not hesitate but take great pleasure in announcing that the genial Robert Rice is no longer a lonely bachelor but a happy benedict. Here is to you and yours, Robert. May your days be passed in peace and prosperity and all your troubles be "little ones."

F. E. Windsor and wife of Clarkville, N. Y., and Mac Windsor, wife and daughter of Clermont attended the funeral of their uncle, Lewis Windsor, at Moody Hollow on Saturday last, and Sundayed at the home of their father W. E. Windsor, of this place.

Prentiss Woodard, Esq., of Shingle House visited his sister, Mrs. Alnon Carpenter, while his better half took in the Epworth League convention at Smethport.

W. H. Prentiss, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Rhoberta, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prentiss of Prentissvale.

S. G. Lauphier and wife of West Eldred called on their sister, Mrs. Oscar Carpenter, on Sunday last.

Dr. Burdick, Eldred's popular dentist, transacted business in town Saturday.

E. S. and Z. H. Carpenter attended the funeral of Lewis Windsor Saturday.

Mrs. E. W. Hibbard and Miss Grace Carpenter visited in Eldred Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Roberts of Eldred was greeting friends in town Friday.

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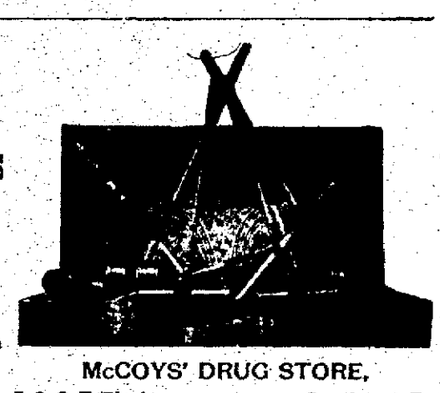

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## A STORM MIRACLE.

Sunday after Sunday the same de... little creature sat in the last pew ... the right-hand side of the centre ... in St. Matthias's Church. And ... Sunday after Sunday the young minis... her to glance looked down over his ... congregation and caught the wistful ... of a pair of dark brown eyes that ... with ardent and pathetic an ease. Be... the first notes of the recessional ... ceased to vibrate on the ears o... the kneeling worshippers, the little ... creature had each time made her way ... out of the church unnoticed. After ... while the Rev. John Grimshaw, who ... was old and trusty, and impressionable ... at that, began to feel the influence ... of that benign expression, and of those ... sadness dark eyes, and decided to speak ... with the girl if an opportunity pre... itself next, and the opportunity did ... arise one Friday night, on a saint's day ... I think, there was a special service at ... the church in the evening.

She had never been into the church ... before except on Sunday, and what ... was his surprise and pleasure when the ... young minister lifted his eyes that night and saw the face that was be... beginning to interest him sitting before ... him quite near the front. During the ... singing of a hymn he approached her ... and asked her to remain after the ser... vices, as he wished to say a few words ... to her. She did not reply, except with ... a mute appeal with her splendid dark ... eyes. His instant silence for enl... lightenment, and returned to his place ... at the lectern.

At the close of the service he hur... ried to the side of the girl, who was ... just in the act of leaving her pew, and ... spoke a few words to her. He was in... talking her in that calm, deliberate way ... that characterized him, to come to ... church often, to consult him, to become ... a regular worshipper at the church; ... but as he talked in low, persuasive ... tones, and no response came from the ... girl, he began to wonder at her ex... treme bashfulness, and when she be... gan to shake her head and to make rap... id signs with her deft fingers, in an in... stant he realized that the appealing ... face that followed him in his dreams ... and in his waking moments and the ... pretty feet and hands, were those of a ... deaf mute, and so swift and sudden was ... the surprise that swept over him, that ... he could have cried out in his anguish. ... A shift came over his heart, but only ... for an instant, and in the next he com... prehended as best he could by nods ... and smiles and expression that he un... derstood her and was sorry for her. He ... tried to make her understand that he ... would like her to continue to come to ... church and be a good Christian, but ... whether she comprehended him or not ... he did not know. He walked to the ... door with her, and as she went slowly ... down the stone steps he nodded a pleas... ant good night as she looked back.

When he was alone that night the ... young preacher gave way to his emo... tion. He realized that he was deeply ... in love, with the little being who had ... never spoken a word to him, and who, ... for aught he knew, would never speak to ... him. He should never know the sound ... of her voice, which in his fancy was ... low and soft and musical.

At last sleep pulled the curtain be... fore those precious, yet bitter thoughts ... and the Rev. Mr. Grimshaw fell into a ... deep slumber and dreamed that he ... was sailing the sea with this beauti... ful girl, that he held her in his arms, ... that he called her "Ruth." When he ... awoke it was with the bitterest disap... pointment, for he was alone and the ... bright sun was streaming full upon his ... face. He remembered that the King's ... Daughters of the parish were to enjoy ... an excursion down the bay that day, ... and as he had many little affairs of im... portance to attend to before 2 o'clock, ... the hour of sailing, he busied himself ... about them, saying the name of Ruth ... softly to himself in the meanwhile, ... and wondering if her name were really ... Ruth.

The excursion steamer was in wait... ing at the dock, and one by one the ... young girls stepped aboard, each smil... ing half reverent as she noticed the ... young minister standing on the wharf. ... He waited one minute of the hour, and ... seeing none aboard the little excur... sion steamer were calling to Mr. Grim... shaw to come aboard and not get left, ... he turned he headed not, and just as ... the gang plank about to give up the hope of ... her coming, just as they were about to ... push in the gangplank, a slight figure ... in a neat-fitting black dress, with white ... veil about the throat and a small black hat ... set upon a shapely little head crowned ... with a wealth of chestnut brown hair, ... boarded the wheel. Calling to the ... captain to wait a moment, John Grim... shaw sprang forward and, taking the ... girl by the arm, forgetful that she ... could not hear a word he said, explain... ed to her that she was late and must ... not get aboard in time. She only ... looked turned her wistful eyes full ... upon him, and his heart swelled with ... unutterable, for he thought ... he perceived love in her looks.

He gave utterance an hour and a half ... later to that declaration, and he took ... his especial charge. It was ... a lovely day. It was jolliest in the ... shade of the boat, where people were ... sitting on the deck seats ... and camp stools. John Grimshaw ... and the little creature he loved ... were sitting together. Their arms ... touched as they leaned on the railing ... and looked out upon the water—the ... yachts, the smacks, the sailing vessels. ... The excursion that passed and repassed ... them. Suddenly he felt what seemed ... to be the spray against his face. An... swering instinct, and without warning ... the change of rain began to fall and an ... enormous black cloud covered the blue ... of the sky.

Gusts of water rained and blew from ... the northwest. Big green waves that ... seemed because rarely lashed them... selves angrily against the sides of the ... excursionist that rolled and pitched ... as if afraid to upright itself ... after fury. Thunder rolled ... rumbling and zig-zag streaks of ... flame played across the sky. The ... ground in torrents and swept over ... it, driving the new thoroughly ... drenched people to the opposite side ... of the boat, which, with its uneven ... load, leaned and tipped in that di... rection. Water rushed in upon the ... deck. The Captain shouted ... to the people on the other side of ... the boat: "Don't all rush to one side, ... or she will turn us overboard." The ... engine stopped, and a general ... panic began, each the ex... cept the girl who stood ... just in the shelter of the ... wheel house, and the man at the ... wheel, who was old and trusty, and ... not to be flustered by ... any such trifle as a storm. ... Through the rain and the ... darkness the girl looked down over his ... shoulder, and caught the wistful ... look of a pair of dark brown eyes that ... were solemn and pathetic at once. Be... fore the last notes of the recessional ... had ceased to vibrate on the ears o... the kneeling worshippers, the little ... creature had each time made her way ... out of the church unnoticed. After ... while the Rev. John Grimshaw, who ... was old and trusty, and impressionable ... at that, began to feel the influence ... of that benign expression, and of those ... sadness dark eyes, and decided to speak ... with the girl if an opportunity pre... sented itself, and the opportunity did ... arise one Friday night, on a saint's day ... I think, there was a special service at ... the church in the evening.

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